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ALUTE TO VETERANS . . . Four recent graduates of South High—all veterans of the Vietnam War—were among the special guests Wednesday evening at South High School's "Military Majesty," a salute to Vietnam veterans. Shown here are (front, from left) Thomas G. Pousier, 3722 W. 225th St., a 1965 graduate; John F.

Michler, 22603 Felbar Ave., 1964; Ken Hodnett, 4611 Macafee Road, 1964; and Lance Matson, 23204 Carlow Road, 1965. Also taking part in the program were (back, from left) Lt. Col. M. B. Schwartz, master of ceremonies; Councilmen Ken Miller and William Uerkwitz, Mayor Albert Isen, and Orin Johnson. (Press-Herald Photo)

Oxnard Man Gets New Heart Here

Woman Gives Heart

A 58-year-old Oxnard man received a new heart during a 9-hour operation at Harbor General Hospital Thursday.

Richard Charles Newell was reported in critical condition early today, but hospital officials said he was alert and talking with doctors.

A bulletin issued by the hospital at 10 a.m. today said Newell has spent a restless night, but was resting comfortably. He has been removed from the operating suite to a special room.

The bulletin said Newell "continues to be alert and his vital signs are stable." Officials said his condition is slightly improved, "but the prognosis remains guarded."

He was visited last night by his wife, Mrs. Newell is staying at the hospital.

Newell received the heart of 23-year-old Shirley Ann Highhouse, 1135 W. Flat St., in county territory east of Torrance. Mrs. Highhouse was pronounced dead at 11 p.m. Wednesday.

The woman shot herself fatally following a family dispute Wednesday, it was reported.

PERMISSION for the heart transplant was given by the woman's husband, Charles Earl Highhouse, a 26-year-old ambulance driver. Mrs. Highhouse's kidneys also were removed and sent to Wadsworth Veterans' Hospital and Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Transplant operations were expected at both hospitals.

A team of 13 physicians from Harbor General Hospital, Wadsworth Veterans Hospital, and UCLA performed the heart transplant surgery. Dr. Richard J. Cleveland, chief of cardiac surgery at Harbor General and an assistant professor of surgery at UCLA, headed the team.

Newell, suffering from heart disease, was notified of the availability of a new heart at 3 a.m. Thursday. His wife drove him from Oxnard to Harbor General Hospital. Doctors said Newell had been a candidate for a new heart for about three months.

THE TRANSPLANT surgery (See HEART, Page A-2)



NEW BAND . . . The newest marching unit of the Torrance Area Youth Band, a junior band composed of elementary school musicians, will take part in its first parade tomorrow. The occasion is the first anniversary of the city of Carson, which will be observed with a parade and day-long fiesta in the city. Dirk Davidson, a 17-year-old West High student, is drum major of the new marching unit. Davidson (left) is pictured here with (from left) Gordon Ulmer, 11, Hickory School; Cashus Ackley, 12, Flavian School; David Luhmann, 11, Flavian School; and Alan Dishon, 12, Victor School. (Press-Herald Photo)

At Carson Parade

Youth Band to Unveil Newest Marching Unit

The Torrance Area Youth Band's newest marching unit — a Junior Band composed of musicians of elementary school age — will be unveiled tomorrow.

The new band will join in a parade honoring the city of Carson's first anniversary.

The parade, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., will form at Carson High School and march south on Main Street to Sepulveda Boulevard, then east on Sepulveda to Avalon Boulevard, where it will turn north to pass a reviewing stand at Avalon Boulevard and 228th Street.

UNDER THE direction of Norman Bailey, the new band is composed of 60 members. They will wear the traditional red and white uniforms of the Torrance Area Youth Bands.

Dirk Davidson, a 17-year-old West High honor student, is drum major of the new marching unit. Davidson is the recipient of a Bank of America honor award. He also was named to the All-Bay League football team.

Bailey, a trumpeter, has performed for many years with the Lawrence Welk organization. He also was a member of the Freddy Martin Orchestra and played with the Armed Forces Radio Service Orchestra under the baton of Maj. Meredith Willson.

Elementary school age youngsters who play band instruments and would like to join the new band should contact a member of the Torrance Youth Bands, Max U. Pridmore, president of the board, said.

THE NEW band was initially formed as a training band to feed the other two marching units of the combined youth bands.

Tomorrow's parade will be led by Regis Philbin, popular master of ceremonies of the Joey Bishop television show. Numerous governmental officials — including Congressman Glenn M. Anderson, State Senators Joseph Kennick and Ralph Dills, and Assemblymen Mike Cullen and Vincent Thomas — are scheduled to take part in the salute to Carson's first birthday.

An afternoon fiesta, a major fireworks display, and an evening ball also are planned. More than 2,000 persons will take part in the parade.

The fiesta will take place on Watson Industrial Center property opposite the reviewing stand at Avalon Boulevard and 228th Street.

SEARCH planes took to the air Thursday for the first time since the search was launched Tuesday. Ground parties still are combing the entire route for some sign of the ill-fated aircraft.

One rancher told searchers he had heard a two-engine craft circling above a runway at the Circle L Ranch near Dyer, Nev., and then heard the plane engines being reved up.

Col. James Helm of the Civil Air Patrol, who is coordinating the search from Hawthorne, said the passengers might have survived if the fuselage of the plane is intact. Helm said, however, he is not optimistic.

"We really think he was dodging snow flurries," Helm said, "and piled it into the side of a mountain."

Chamber of Commerce Recognition Day Slated

Larry Bowman, membership chairman for the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, announced that the city wide observance of Chamber of Commerce Day Tuesday is aimed at recognizing and increasing the general membership of the Chamber of Commerce.

Bowman emphasizes the recognition due present members who are supporting and serving their Chamber of Commerce and can take pride in their part in the Chamber's Program of Progress that has added so much to the growth, development and overall improvement of the Torrance Area.

Through their support and loyal service the many accomplishments of the past have benefited the entire community, he said.

ACCORDING to Robert L. Reis, vice president, membership affairs division, of the Chamber, the first "chamber of commerce" in history was formed some 6,000 years ago in the ancient Mesopotamia Kingdom of Mari.

True, it differed from today's Torrance Chamber in many respects, but it had the same goal — that of betterment of community life and continued increase

in economic growth for the area which it served.

Today modern chambers of commerce are at work daily doing their job so quietly and so well that, oftentimes, people are unaware of the manifold good resulting from their efforts.

THE EFFORTS and activities of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce touch upon every aspect of our community life and the welfare of all residents, as well as the commercial and industrial advancement and civic betterment we all enjoy in the area, Reis explained.

Volunteer leaders from all walks of life together with the professional Chamber staff of Torrance are constantly giving their time and energy to make our community a better place in which to work and live.

"Every citizen should associate or acquaint himself with the work of the Chamber of Commerce, just as every businessman should know the many benefits membership can provide each progressive member," Reis added.

Any local businessman interested in joining the local Chamber may contact Assistant Manager Ernie Wilbanks.

Federal Funds

Councilmen Vote For Park Grant

City Councilmen voted 4-3 Tuesday to authorize an application to the federal government for a grant to be used in acquiring land for proposed Columbia Park.

Voting against the resolution were the same three councilmen who have opposed the 52-acre park project since it was first discussed: Mayor Albert Isen, Councilmen William Uerkwitz and Orin Johnson.

Mayor Isen said he objects to the project because he feels the maintenance costs to the city will be too great. He thinks it should be a county project since four or five cities will benefit from it.

The resolution rescinds an earlier resolution at the request of the Department of Housing and Urban Development because the earlier measure did not provide the necessary relocation clauses.

The resolution requests an estimated \$624,335 from the federal government. Other funds will come from the state and city governments.

favor of abolishing the position of personnel nurse at City Hall. All councilmen except Orin Johnson supported the abolition.

Councilman Jay Beasley said, "The call for having a nurse here is very slight." He added that in the case of an emergency, a doctor could be summoned in two minutes.

The issue was raised because the nursing position at City Hall became vacant recently when the city nurse resigned. In her place, councilmen decided, a senior typist-clerk should be hired for the city's personnel department.

Councilmen also held a second and final reading on an ordinance to ban the use of motorcycles on any vacant lot, parking lot, or vacant property within the city if such use disturbs the neighborhood.

Voting against the ordinance were Councilmen Donald E. Wilson and Ken Miller. Dr. Wilson termed the ordinance "unrealistic."

IN FURTHER action, councilmen voted unanimously to deny (See PARK, Page A-2)

Developer Found in Contempt

Kenneth Batrum and three associates were found guilty of contempt of court Thursday for refusing to testify and show records in the Civil Service Commission hearings against Walter M. Nollac.

Those named in the contempt indictment were Batrum, Teruyuki Fujii, Richard A. Leonard, Robert Shulman, South Bay Realty, Prairie Subdividers, Kenland Development, and Bajili Enterprises.

Those named were ordered to appear at the hearings March 3 and thereafter. Sentencing was slated for March 14, however, if Batrum and the others appear as ordered, the court will probably dismiss the proceedings.

Suspended City Engineer Nollac is currently being tried for alleged misconduct and incompetency. He is accused of granting favors to Batrum and his land development companies.

Nollac and Batrum held a fishing boat in common at one time. In the first Civil Service Commission hearing against Nollac last August, Nollac was found innocent of any wrongdoing in connection with the boat and his relationship with the subdivider.

Housewife Injured in Collision

A Torrance housewife suffered head lacerations and a possible dislocated shoulder Tuesday morning when her car collided with another vehicle at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevards.

Treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Mrs. Lula G. Cannon, 63, of 22317 Ladeene Ave. Her car sustained major damage when it collided with a car driven by Coralie Ann Castine, 28, of 708 Broadway.

Police will seek a complaint against Mrs. Cannon for failure to yield right-of-way.

Fire Bomb Hits Guard At Harvey

A fire bomb was hurled at a guard at the struck Harvey Aluminum plant Thursday night.

The flaming Molotov cocktail was apparently thrown from a car on the San Diego Freeway, police said.

The guard, Norman McClary, was not severely injured. He did not require hospitalization.

The incident was the second bombing within a week at the plant, which is being struck by members of the United Steel (See HARVEY, Page A-2)

Search Fails to Turn Up Any Evidence of Plane

Blinding snow storms continue to hamper the search for a downed DC-3 airplane in the southern Nevada mountains.

Thirty-five persons, including five Torrance residents, were on board the plane when it left Hawthorne, Nev., early Tuesday for a flight to Burbank and Long Beach.

Little hope exists that any of the 35 persons have survived the apparent crash.

TORRANCE residents on board the plane include Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Paget of 21107 Victor St., Mr. and Mrs. William R. Preder of 804 Portola Ave., and Clarence Pinkham, Mrs. Preder's brother.

Paget was the 1959 winner of the Torrance's Distinguished Citizen Award.

Search efforts have been concentrated in the Westgard Pass through Nevada's White Mountain.

Searchers now believe the pilot, Fred Hall, may have tried to land the plane at a ranch near Dyer, Nev., when he encountered heavy snow storms — and then in desperation tried to negotiate the Westgard Pass.

THE PLANE was last heard from at 4:06 a.m. after Hall radioed to Burbank that he would fly directly to Burbank from the Hawthorne Airport. No evidence of a crash has been discovered along the route which Hall had marked out in his flight plan.

One official said the plane would probably have been covered by snow by now. Fear has been expressed that the plane crashed into a mountain in the White Mountain region.

The 32 passengers were on an overnight "Gambler's Special" tour of casinos in the Hawthorne area. Passengers has boarded

the plane in Long Beach and at the Hollywood-Burbank airport.

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